

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICANT : Robert L. Doubler et al
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FOR ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2011, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire December 23, 2011, kindly amend the above-entitled application as follows, no new matter is added:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.